VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

DEMAND VII—INDUSTRIES—(*contd.*)

Motion No. 548.

PRESIDENT : The House will now resume discussion on the demands for grants. Demand VII is now under discussion. At the time the House rose last evening, motion No. 548 had been moved by Mr. S. Nilakanta Pillai. A point of order was raised at that time by Mr. S. J. Nair. Before deciding on the admissibility or otherwise of this particular motion, I may say that, as it appears in the agenda paper, it is perfectly admissible, because it wishes to suggest that all the Industrial Institutions, whether recognised or departmental, should be brought under the control of the Industries Department. That is the aim and purpose of Mr. S Nilakanta Pillai. To bring into the picture any other department than the Department of Industries and to complain of certain actions which have been taken by other departments will be out of order. I am, therefore, warning Mr. Nilakanta Pillai that, if he wishes to confine himself to the agenda paper, he is perfectly admissible. He will have to confine himself to the spirit of the motion and not allow a discussion on other departments to enter into it.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Sir, when I moved the motion yesterday, my friend Mr. S. J. Nair said that I moved it out of ill-will to the Director of Public Instruction.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Neyyattinkara*) : No, Sir; I never made any such remarks.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Then, Sir, I have nothing to add in regard to that.

PRESIDENT : Well, let us pass on.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : As a matter of policy, all the technical institutions must be brought under the control and direction of the Director of Industries. There are at present some technical institutions outside his control. My view is that those institutions which are outside the Department must be transferred to this Department, so that the Director of Industries, who has got a better knowledge about industries, will look after these institutions better than any other departmental head. For instance, I shall refer to certain technical institutions for girls, especially aided schools, which are now placed under the control of the Inspectress of Schools. Without realising the extreme necessity for developing the industries in the State, the Inspectress is not rendering all possible help to these institutions. The grants allowed to those institutions have been reduced to such an extent that it is impossible for the management of these institutions to continue the school any longer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : I rise to a point of order. The allotment that is sought to be reduced is for industrial schools under the Director of Industries. He has not made any demand for any technical schools under the Education Director. Here the member is referring to the difficulties experienced by the managers of schools that are under the Education Director, for which an amount has been sanctioned by this Assembly already. Now he wants to transfer those institutions to this Department. What I am suggesting

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is that, if there is any defect in the working of these institutions, he should have referred to that while the Education Budget was under consideration. I submit that, in consonance with the ruling given yesterday, this motion should be ruled out of order.

PRESIDENT: I am glad Hon'ble Members are coming to the rescue of the Chair.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): With great deference to the Chair, may I know if the point is open to argument?

PRESIDENT: The point having been raised, the Chair must do equal justice to all. The motion, as it stands, states as follows:—

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 74,288 for Industrial Education by Re 1.

To suggest that all the industrial institutions, whether recognised or departmental, should be brought under the control of the Industries Department."

Therefore, the specific suggestion of the member is that all industrial institutions, no matter where they may be located now, under the control of whomsoever they may be now, should be brought under one single control, namely, the control of the Director of Industries. When I said that I would not allow him to entrench upon other departments, all that I had in mind was that he should not bring the action of any other department with reference to these institutions into discussion. The other departments are not open to discussion now. If he wanted to refer to certain institutions under the Education Department, he should have done so when that Department was under discussion. Here the only aim of the member is that all industrial institutions should come under the control of the Director of Industries. Beyond that the member won't be permitted to speak.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): If the President will kindly allow a point to be submitted in connection with this ruling, I would say that the relevancy of a motion depends upon the matter contained in the motion itself. It may be that that relevant motion may be attempted to be supported by quite an irrelevant argument. But that will not render the motion itself irrelevant. The Chair certainly has allowed this motion as relevant. It is open to Mr. Nilakanta Pillai to support this motion on relevant grounds as well as irrelevant grounds.

PRESIDENT. Yes, the relevancy of the grounds other than those relating to this Department will largely depend upon the methods adopted to drag those facts into the arena. All that I am saying is that the member should not bring the Education Department into contempt while discussing the Industries Department. He can certainly say that a particular institution ought not to be in the Education Department.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): I am only concerned with the ruling on the point of relevancy. An irrelevant ground will not make a relevant motion irrelevant. That is only what I am concerned with. Mr. Nilakanta Pillai may argue on any ground. That is a different matter.

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MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : There is a separate officer of the State to guide the policy of Government in regard to Industries. I am strongly of opinion that all institutions, whether departmental or otherwise, which deal with Industries must be brought under the control of the Director of industries. The mainstay of the people of Travancore is agriculture. It is not possible for the people now to depend solely on agriculture. So, the Government as well as the people have to try other means of subsistence. The Census Commissioner, in his report, says that the only remedy for the amelioration of the condition of the people is to develop industries. Such being the case, Government should take all possible steps to develop and encourage industries. That will be possible only when all these institutions are brought under the control of a single Department. With these words, I move the motion.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalamam I*) Sir, I support the motion. It is needed necessary that, for the efficient and co-ordinate management of the institutions, such as the weaving schools, there must be men with technical skill and knowledge to supervise the work. In the Industries Department we have a technical expert to whom this work can safely be entrusted. In Travancore, although weaving has been a time-honoured industry, there are at present institutions which are not well-managed under properly trained Headmasters. So it must be said that the attention that will be bestowed and the effective supervision made by the Textile Expert will be to the great advantage and benefit of these institutions.

I would just bring to the notice of the House a resolution, passed by the All-Travancore Weavers' Association which met recently at Trivandrum, in which the members, most of whom are managers of weaving schools, have recommended to Government that they would wish that all industrial institutions are brought under the control of the Director of Industries. This is an important thing to be considered by the Government and this House.

Another argument in support of this motion is that the Industrial Department allows the sum allotted for the distribution of loans to lapse while at the same time the Education Department witholds grants to schools on the plea of stringency of funds. Sir, if the Director of Industries is to be in charge of all industrial institutions, he will be in a better position to know the wants of the industrialists, I mean, the weavers and other classes of industrialists who are running institutions, small and big : he will be in a po ition to disburse the grants which are being allowed the lapse. With these words, I support the motion.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : Sir, the question of transfer of certain Girls' Schools from the Education Department has been under the consideration of Government and it was then the wish of the people that the Girls' Schools must be under the control of the Director of Public Instruction. And it was only on account of that that Government decided that certain Girls' Schools must be retained under the control of the Education Department. And whenever the Education Department requires any technical advice

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[Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai.]

from the Department of Industries, we offer that; and not only that, we have been even conducting examinations in technical subjects, for the Education Department.

Sir, if it is the wish of the House and if the public will have no objection in transferring the Girls' Schools to the Department of Industries, Government may consider that question in future. And even now there are some Girls' Schools controlled by the Department. And the Department gives grants to them. We have a Departmental School for embroidery which is under the Department of Industries and we are training about a dozen girls in that institution.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know from the Director of Industries that this school was retained by the Department at the request of the students?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): We received a petition from the manageress of the weaving school asking us to take over the institution.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether the manageress alleged any reason for tranferring the school?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Indurtries*): Some reasons were given for that and one of them was that they did not like men from the Department of Industries inspecting these schools. Since the Department of Education has an Inspectress of Schools, Government thought that those schools should remain under the department of education.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member the number of weaving schools conducted for girls?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Sir, as it is not under my department, I am not in a position to tell the exact number. I understand that it is about six. When I said that I was already conducting some technical schools for girls, it will prove that the Department is really trying to introduce technical subjects in schools under the Department of Industries and they are doing their level best to give instruction to the girls also.

Sir, I hope the Hon'ble member will kindly withdraw the motion. As I have already said, if there is any request from the public for the transfer of Girls' Schools from the Education Department to the Department of Industries, Government may consider that favourably.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Sir, the Government member has stated that, when the public request the Government to effect the transfer by means of petitions and so forth, that request will be considered. To my mind, it is an unworkable idea, because there is no means for finding out how many petitions are received and by what kind of persons these petitions are sent, so that the statement becomes very elastic. I support the motion for another reason. At the time the Director of Public Instruction's post was created, a G. O. was published by Government in which there was mention made of the necessity of imparting technical instruction to boys and girls in schools. And that was one of the reasons for the appointment of the Director of Education. We have advanced far beyond that time and now we have a full-fledged

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Industries Department. At the very outset, it appears quite reasonable that the Industries Department should concern itself with these institutions more than the Department of Education. But at the same time I am against the Industries Director or the Department using merely their expert knowledge in various industries. A combination of talents will be good. The Director of Public Instruction knows the conditions in schools and the ways in which way the boys and girls should be educated. A joint effort by these two officers will be quite useful... Although it is good to transfer these schools to the Industries Department so that there may be uniformity, I am against any kind of official red-tapism. Another reason for supporting the motion is that all the industrial schools and other industrial institutions should be departmentally conducted... That is a matter which requiries broad treatment. The Education Department and the Industries Department should unite their talents in making the industrial progress of the State an accomplished fact.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Is the member aware that in many industrial schools general education is also given?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Urban*): Yes, Sir that supports my position further. There is the Economic Development Board which is quite dormant in these matters. It should be possible for the Industries Department and the Education Department to get the necessary facts from other Development Departments and co-ordinate their activities with a view to advance the industrial interests of the state.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Sir, the Director of Industries says that the transfer of these institutions will be considered on condition that there is no objection from the public. It is a conditional undertaking. Sir, I want an undertaking on the part of the Director, either positive or negative, without any conditions. He says he will consider the question of transfer if there is no objection from the public or from the managements, or from the guardians. Sir, that is a very difficult matter to be achieved. Sir, I want the question of transfer to be considered immediately by the Government.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Sir, with regard to the question raised by the Hon'ble Member, Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai, I have already stated that the Department of Industries and the Department of Education work together in this matter of technical education.

PRESIDENT: Let us have an answer to the question raised by Mr. S. Nilakanta Pillai.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI: (*Director of Industries*): Yes, Sir. This is under the consideration of Government. I can read out a portion of the G. O., dated the 23rd June 1934, on this subject: "..... that Government consider that the transfer of the schools referred to may lie over for the present." That shows, Sir, it is still under the consideration of Government. I will move Government about this subject as soon as possible.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): In view of the answer given by the Director of Industries, I beg leave of the House for the withdrawal of the motion.

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The motion was by leave withdrawn.

PRESIDENT : The time allowed for this demand has ex-pired. Further motions cannot therefore be discussed. I, therefore, put the motion to the vote of the House. The motion is that a sum Rs. 2,45,263 granted under Demand VII Industries *minus* Re. 1 which the House deducted under motion No. 538. The question I have to put is whether that Demand *minus* Re. 1 is granted.

The Demand was put to vote and carried. The grant was made.

The following motions lapsed for want of time.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN :

549. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,214 for Industrial Development by Re. 1.

MR. K. SANKARAN :

550. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,214 for Industrial Development by Re. 1.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI :

551. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,214 for Industrial Development by Re. 1.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA :

552 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,214 for Industrial Development by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

553. To omit the allotment of Rs 2,995 for Trivandrum Depot.

MR. K. SANKARAN :

554. To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,995 for Trivandrum Depot.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR :

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MR. K. SANKARAN :

556. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,995 for Trivandrum Depot by Re. 1.

MR. K P. KRISHNA MENON :

557. To omit the allotment of Rs. 916 for car allowance.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*) :

558. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,191 for salaries by Re. 1.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON :

559. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,358 for supplies and services and contingencies by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

560. To omit the allotment of Rs. 18,628 for Trade Agent and Sales Depot, Bombay.

MR. K. SANKARAN :

561. To omit the allotment of Rs. 18,628 for Trade Agent and Sales Depot, Bombay.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR :

562. To omit the allotment of Rs 18,628 for Trade Agent and Sales Depot, Bombay.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

563. To omit the allotment of Rs. 18,628 for Trade Agent and Sales Depot, Bombay.

MR K. SANKARAN :

564. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 18,628 for Trade Agent and Sales Depot, Bombay, by Re. 1.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR :

565. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 18,628 for Trade Agent and Sales Depot, Bombay, by Re. 1.

MR S. NILAKANTA PILLAI :

566. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 18,628 for Trade Agent and Sales Depot, Bombay, by Re. 1.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA :

567. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 18,628 for Trade Agent and Sales Depot, Bombay, by Re 1.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN :

568. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 83,892 for Rubber Factory by Re. 1.

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MR. S J. NAIR :
569. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,45,263 under Demand VII by Re. 1.
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MR. V. T. CHACKO :
574. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,45,263 under Industries by Rs. 5.

DEMAND VIII.—AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 2,06,936, under Demand VIII, Agriculture and Fisheries.

PRESIDENT : Now the first item is motion No. 575, to omit the allotment of Rs. 6,000 for Director.

Motion No. 575.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : Sir, I move that the allottment of Rs. 6,000 for the Director be omitted.

My object in making this motion is to point out that the Agricultural Director and his Department as functioning at present may with advantagebe done away with. Sir, Travancore is essentially an agricultural country and over 90 per cent. of the pepulation are entirely depending upon agriculture; and in the face of this glaring fact, to make such a motion may appear at first right to be paradoxical if not preposterous. As a student of history, I am yet to know that an agricultural country should necessarily and compulsorily have an agricultural Department at least in name though without any use to the people. Sir, under the masterly guidance and dexterous control of a talented son of the soil, the Agricultural Department was made to loom large before the public eye, and it is no exaggeration to say that the permanent removal of that officer told the death-knell of this Department. Though despite itself, it continues a dead-alive existence to this day.

Sir, the head of the Department is designated as the Director of Agricultural and Fisheries. In the speech of the Financial Secretary, it is stated "In view of the immense possibilities of the development of fisheries under closer supervision and control, the Fisheries branch of the Department is to be placed under the immediate control and supevision of a technically qualified officer."

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know what startling change happened in the Department in recent years? I think he referred to some changes in respect of the Department during recent years after one officer was removed. I wish to know what changes took place since then ?

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : I was just pointing out that the Department was only a show and was not of any use to the people before,

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